

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were pending in this application. No claims have been added or canceled. Hence, claims 1-45 remain pending in this application.

Figure 6 was amended in order to put the margins in compliance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requirements. No new matter was added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on April 23, 2004, during which Applicants attempted to understand the Examiner's construction of several claim terms and specifically the terms "application" and "component."

Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 21, 31, and 40. These claims were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6, 8-20, 22-30, 32-39, and 41-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Application 2003/0046681 ("Barturen et al."). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection in light of the attached Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 by Pamela Szabo, Daquer Reveron, and Anjaneyullu Tamma, the inventors of the claimed invention, stating that the invention was invented **before the August 30, 2001**, filing date of Barturen et al. Therefore, Barturen et al. no longer qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), and withdrawal of the rejection against claims 1-6, 8-20, 22-30, 32-39, and 41-45 is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

The rejection and objection raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain and the resolution of which the Examiner feels will be advanced by a conference with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Reference No. 54357-00003USPT (DGN).

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